

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1931-02  
Bill No.: HB 837  
Subject: Corrections Department; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies  
Type: Original  
Date: March 29, 2011

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Bill Summary: This proposal requires all inmates receiving on-site medical examination or treatment from correctional center personnel to be charged 50 cents per visit.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** state passage of this proposal would require all inmates receiving on-site medical examinations or treatment from correctional center personnel to be charged 50 cents per visit.

DOC states inmates do not have cash money so any monetary process must be generated via their caseworkers using the institutional "green check" system. Fund access would be necessary throughout the day to check accounts, make transactions, etc. This could require computer system enhancements to further track inmate accounts (other than those only in the institutional canteen "stores" at present) as well as caseworker time away from their current duties.

In reviewing the legislation, DOC medical administration is unsure what treatments would actually be covered by the bill. As an example of the estimated impact of passage of the bill, if 30,000 inmates each had, on average, 5 visits per year with a physician, the funds collected would total a mere \$75,000 and that doesn't take into account those who wouldn't be able to pay. By law, inmates cannot be refused necessary medical care. In summary, fiscal impact is unknown per each fiscal year.

**Oversight** assumes DOC would be able to absorb any additional expenses incurred as a result of this proposal. Oversight further assumes the state would not receive additional proceeds as a result of the 50 cents per medical visit charge. Oversight assumes the 50 cents charge would be handled entirely within the inmates' accounts within the correctional institution's system. For example, if the inmate spent 50 cents on a medical visit, this would reduce the amount available to be spent by the inmate in the institutional canteens. Therefore, Oversight will not reflect a fiscal impact to the state from this proposal.

### FISCAL IMPACT - State Government

FY 2012  
(10 Mo.)

FY 2013

FY 2014

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2012  
(10 Mo.)

FY 2013

FY 2014

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

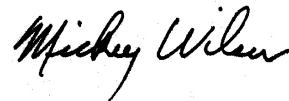
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires any inmate receiving an on-site medical examination or treatment from the correctional facility's medical staff to be assessed 50 cents per visit.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Corrections



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